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SCHOOL MEDICAL OFFICER.

W. L. GOLDIE, F.R.C.S, D.P.H.

To the Chairman and Members of the Leamington Spa Education Committee.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to report as follows with respect to the School Medical Department for the year 1925.

In accordance with the Circular of the Board of Education, the Report contains a certain amount of material not included in previous years.

The number of children examined in the three " Code " groups was 1,095, an increase of 49 on last year. The percentage of defects—excluding Uncleanliness and Dental Diseases—was slightly higher than in the previous twelve months, being 9.6%, as against 8.8%.

At the Warneford Hospital 76 children were treated for Defective Vision, Enlarged Tonsils and Adenoids and Ringworm.

The percentage of vaccinated children is deplorably low, 64% of Girls and 68% of Boys being unvaccinated.

I have to record one change in the Staff: Miss Wright, the School Nurse, resigned in March and Miss Morris was appointed to the post in April.

As in previous years, the Staff of the Warneford Hospital and Dr. French, the Tuberculosis Officer, have rendered much help, and my best thanks are due to them and to all those associated with Education in this Borough for their unfailing courtesy and hearty co-operation.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

W. L. GOLDIE.

Report of School Medical Officer for 1925.

The total area of the Borough of Royal Leamington Spa is 2,816 acres, divided up as follows:—

Leamington Priors	...	1,594 acres.
New Milverton	... ..	691 ,,
Lillington	... ..	531 ,,

The estimated population for 1925 was 29,315.

There are 8 Public Elementary Schools with 19 departments, of which 4 schools with 9 departments are non-provided. The average number of children on the register on the 24th December, 1925, was 3,397.

TABLE 1.
NON-PROVIDED SCHOOLS.

No.	Name of School.	Average on Reg- isters.	Average Attend- ance.	Per- centage
1	Bath Place (C. of E.) Mixed ...	296	258	87
	„ Infants ...	90	75	83
2	Lillington (C. of E.) Mixed ...	52	47	90
	„ „ Infants ...	24	20	83
3	St. Paul's (C. of E.) Mixed ...	275	249	91
	„ „ Infants ...	99	84	85
4	St. Peter's (R.C.) Boys ...	93	86	92
	„ Girls ...	108	97	90
	„ Infants ...	91	78	86
		1128	994	88·1

PROVIDED SCHOOLS.

5	Clapham Terrace, Mixed ...	384	339	88
	„ Infants ...	162	128	75
6	Leicester Street Central, Boys ...	252	231	92
	„ Girls ...	237	212	89
	„ Infants ...	159	137	86
7	Milverton, Mixed	307	278	91
	„ Infants	154	134	87
8	Shrubland Street, Boys ...	152	139	91
	„ Girls ...	217	198	91
	„ Infants ...	171	145	85
		2195	1941	88·4
		3323	2935	88·3

STAFF.

1. The School Medical Staff consists of one S.M.O. (also M.O.H.), one whole-time School Nurse, and one part-time Dental Surgeon—E. W. Thomas, L.D.S., who holds two sessions per week. Under an agreement between the Borough Council and the Warneford Hospital, certain cases are, on the recommendation of the S.M.O., treated by Specialists attached to the Hospital Staff, as follows:—

For Tonsils and Adenoids: F. W. Sydenham, M.D., F.R.C.S.
 For Defective Vision: T. Harrison Butler, M.A., M.D.
 For Ringworm: W. Edmund Jones, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P

CO-ORDINATION.

2. An Infant and Child Welfare Clinic is held weekly, and children are seen here up to two years of age, and in some instances considerably later. Delicate children are visited by the Health Visitor from time to time, and suspected cases of Tuberculosis are sent to Dr. French, Assistant County Tuberculosis Officer. In needy cases, Out-patient and In-patient letters to the Warneford Hospital are provided.

SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE IN RELATION TO
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

3. There are 8 Elementary Schools in the Borough, of which 4 are Provided and 4 Non-Provided Schools. The main features of these are set out in the table appended at the end of the report.

4. **Medical Inspection.**—The age groups inspected have been those laid down by the Board of Education. A few children may have escaped routine inspection owing to illness or absence from school, but as far as possible these were collected and examined before the end of the year.

5. **Findings of Medical Inspection.**—(a) Uncleanliness.—On the whole the standard of cleanliness is very fair. A total number of 6,634 examinations were made at the schools, and 224 individual children were found unclean. The largest numbers are found, as is usually the case, after the holidays, especially the summer ones, when routine inspection has been suspended for some time.

(b) **Minor Ailments.**—These consisted mainly of cuts, bruises, small abscesses, and various skin diseases. Eight cases of Goitre, all in a mild form, were noticed, 6 in girls and 2 in boys.

(c) Tonsils and Adenoids.—The number of cases requiring operation remain fairly constant year by year. The association of unhealthy-looking but not enlarged tonsils was noticed in 4 cases of cardiac disease, three of which occurred in one family.

(d) Tuberculosis.—Two cases only of Tuberculosis were notified during the year, both of whom died, one, a girl of 11, of acute miliary tuberculosis reported from Weston-super-Mare; the other a boy of 13, who died of meningitis in the Warneford Hospital.

(e) Skin Diseases.—The bulk of these were cases of contagious impetigo. Scabies, as noted elsewhere, is markedly on the decrease.

(f) External Eye Diseases.—No large number of these were seen. The few cases of blepharitis and conjunctivitis yielded fairly readily to treatment. In the month of November a visit was paid to all schools within the course of a few days, and children noted with any form of squint. Thirty-six cases were found, 5 of whom wore glasses. The form of squint was as follows:—Lt. Int. Strabismus, 24; Rt. Int. Strabismus, 6; Double Convergent Strabismus, 4; Ext. Strabismus, 2 (both cases of undoubted specific origin). Nebulae of the Corneal were noticed in a few cases, in 3 of which vision was markedly interfered with.

(g) Vision.—During the visit alluded to above in November, the number of children wearing glasses was found to be 85—36 girls and 49 boys. A percentage of $2\frac{1}{2}$ of those on the school register. A certain number were possibly missed owing to illness or absence at a special class, and I estimate the total number of those wearing glasses at about 3 per cent. There are three children wearing glass eyes who have lost the sight of one eye through an accident. Excluding Infants, 609 children were examined in the Schools. Of these, good vision—that is to say, not less than $\frac{6}{9}$ in both Eyes—was found in 568 cases, or 93%, and in 21, or a further 3%, there was fair vision, i.e., not less than $\frac{6}{12}$ in both Eyes. Under the Scheme of Treatment with the Warneford Hospital 25 children received treatment. One of these was provided with Spectacles free of cost.

(h) Ear Disease and Hearing.—The number of deaf and dumb children of school age is 7, viz., 4 boys and 3 girls. Two girls and one boy are in an institution at Edgbaston. All these children are quite up to the average in intelligence. In the case of one



boy still in an Elementary School, the control that a boy of his own age in the same class has over him is remarkable. He helps him in his work, and can convey to him any instructions the teacher desires to give. A few cases of partial deafness due to Chronic Otitis Media were noted, but in no case was there a great degree of disablement.

(i) Dental Defects.—In addition to the cases of Dental Caries referred for treatment as the result of routine medical inspection, a number of cases are now being brought to the Clinic by parents, although the superstition still largely survives that there is no necessity to worry about the first dentition.

(j). Crippling Defects.—Cases of rickets are very rarely seen, although in certain quarters housing conditions are bad and overcrowding occurs. There are numerous open spaces in the town, and children of all ages are continually out of doors. The cases noted during routine inspection were all of a very minor degree, showing evidences of a mild healed form of the disease. Ten cases of severe heart disease have been kept under close observation; 3 of these have spent some part of the year in hospital, and 2 long periods in bed under a private practitioner.

6. Infectious Diseases.—The number of cases of Scarlet Fever among school children is the same as last year, and the type of disease very mild. There was an increase in the number of cases of Diphtheria, viz., 22, as against 5 in the preceding twelve months. Whooping Cough decreased from 113 cases to 36, and Chickenpox from 196 to 24. On the other hand, there were 429 cases of Mumps and 152 of Measles, as against 25 and 30 respectively in 1924. The former was especially prevalent in January, February, and March, when 339 cases occurred; the latter during the last three months of the year, when 83 cases were reported. Medical certificates were granted to three Infant Schools owing to the low percentage of scholars, viz., in January to Clapham Terrace for Mumps; in February to St. Peter's, for Mumps and Influenza; and in October to Shrubland Street, for Measles.

The table below shows the condition of children as regards Vaccination.

VACCINATION.

	Total Examined.	Not Vaccinated.	Vaccination Marks.				Total.	Percentage
			1	2	3	4		
GIRLS	550	353	12	36	17	132	197	35·8
Boys	546	371	9	27	30	109	175	32

Of those vaccinated the figures are:—

	Total.	Vaccinated.	Percentage.
Girls—Entrants up to 6 years	217	69	31
From 6 ,, 12 years	142	47	33
,, 12 ,, 14 years	191	81	41
Boys—Entrants up to 6 years	238	52	21·8
From 6 ,, 12 years	140	49	35
,, 12 ,, 14 years	168	74	44

PREVIOUS INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

An enquiry into the number of children who had at one time or another suffered from an attack of one of the commoner infectious diseases gave the following figures of those examined in the 3 age periods this year:—

Measles	424
Whooping Cough	276
Chicken Pox	176
Scarlet Fever	14
Mumps	84
Diphtheria	12
Pneumonia	21

7. **Following Up.**—In all cases where a treatment order to the Warneford Hospital has been given, the child is visited on the day following its attendance at the Hospital by the School Nurse, and as soon as possible he or she is brought to the School Clinic for examination by the S.M.O. Practically all cases of Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria and Typhoid are removed to Heathcote Hospital and a report on the home conditions set out by a Sanitary Inspector. In the case of non-notifiable diseases, such as Chicken-pox, Measles, Whooping Cough, etc., a visit is paid by the School Nurse, who, if no doctor has been called in, gives instructions as to general nursing, the necessity for calling in medical aid should

complications arise, the probable date that return to school may be permitted, and the need or otherwise of keeping contacts away from school for a period. Swabs for bacteriological examination are taken if considered advisable.

In the case of Tuberculous children, the task of supervision is in the main handed on to the Health Visitor, who enquires into family conditions and reports on the form of treatment outlined and the general progress of the patient. Cases failing to attend the School Clinic when requested to do so are visited and also referred to the School Attendance Officer for a report.

8. **Medical Treatment.** (a) **Minor Ailments.**—These are treated at the School Clinic which is open daily at 9 a.m. by the School Nurse. On Tuesday and Saturday mornings the School Medical Officer attends at 10 a.m. The total number of cases during the year was 5,471, giving a daily average of 17 cases.

(b) **Tonsils and Adenoids.**—Operations for enlarged Tonsils and Adenoids are performed at the Warneford Hospital by Mr. Sydenham, the Surgeon to the Nose and Throat Department. During the year 45 cases were treated. The results in all cases were eminently satisfactory and followed by marked improvement in general health. Since the Scheme was inaugurated in 1921, 218 cases have been operated on at the Hospital. On the whole parents are fairly ready in giving consent to operative treatment but refusals are still met with and these often in really bad cases.

(c) **Tuberculosis.**—There are 26 notified cases of some form or other of Tuberculosis of children of school age in the Borough. These have all been kept under observation by the Health Visitor and also seen at intervals at the Clinic. In addition 23 children in whom debility, indefinite pulmonary or abdominal conditions, or bad family history has been noted, have been referred to Dr. French, the Tuberculosis Officer to whose ready assistance I have been greatly indebted.

Skin Diseases.—These, with the exception of Ringworm, and a few cases where private Doctors have been called in, have all been treated at the School Clinic. As is always the case, far the most common skin disease has been Contagious Impetigo, 160 cases of which were noted. There appears to be no very marked variation in the number of cases yearly of this disease. In 1922 it fell as low as 128, in 1920 it was 214. On the other hand in 1920 there were 85 cases of Scabies. In no year since this have there

been more than 20, while in 1925 only 2 cases were seen. Ringworm of the head has shown a corresponding decrease and this year only 9 cases were discovered. This I ascribe largely to X-Ray treatment. The loss of School time, period of infectivity and possible sources of infection all being greatly diminished. Ringworm of Skin on the other hand shows practically no variation in number of cases.

External Eye diseases.—Minor cases were treated at the School Clinic, more serious ones were sent to the Warneford Hospital.

Vision.—25 cases were sent to Mr. Harrison Butler at the Warneford Hospital for 23 of whom Glasses were prescribed and obtained. Since 1921, 132 children have been so treated.

Ear Disease and Hearing.—Comparatively few cases of Ear Disease were seen. A fair number of children with wax in the Ears came to the Clinic. A few cases of chronic Otorrhoea were sent to the Warneford Hospital where they received treatment.

Dental Defects.—The Dental Surgeon attends on Monday and Thursday afternoons at the School Clinic and in all held 81 sessions, eight of which were devoted to inspection and the remainder to treatment. The number of children treated—357—is greater than in any previous year. A gratifying feature however is that every year the number of children treated as the result of periodical examination has gradually increased from 51 in 1922 to 129 during 1925. This work has been very thoroughly done and I should be glad if it were possible to arrange for another session.

Crippling Defects and Orthopaedics.—Of Crippling defects due to congenital causes or disease the following cases are known and have been examined at least once during the year. Congenital dislocation of the Hips—2 (1 also Mentally Defective). In one case operations were performed some years ago and in both walking is good. Of 10 cases of Infantile Paralysis all have been under treatment and in 5 cases surgical boots have been provided. One case of partial paralysis following on fracture of the right arm and one of Spina Bifida (operated on at 3 weeks of age) were noted. 5 cases of Hare Lip and Cleft Palate, 2 of Cleft Palate and one of Hare Lip only were observed. In all cases the Hare Lip had been operated on. Under this heading may be noted the extremely bad after-results of Encephalitis Lethargica. Of children of School age 10 cases have occurred since 1921. Two of these were at Private Schools of whom one has gone abroad, the other,

infected in 1924, I am informed by the Physician under whose charge he has been, has entirely altered in character, is very nervous and sleeps badly and is unable to return to School. Of the 8 children in the Council Schools, in one only has a complete cure resulted. The histories shortly summarised are as follows:—

(1) A Girl. 1921. Acute onset—died. (2) A Girl. 1922. Subacute type. From being a well behaved child and well above average in School, has become an incorrigible thief, has run away from home on several occasions and ultimately was sent by Magistrates to Inval Reformatory School, Haslemere. (3) A boy. 1923. Apparently quite well. (4) A Boy. 1923. Has become very unmanageable at School, idle, restless, always pinching and teasing other children, quite unable to concentrate. (5) A Boy. 1924. Parkinsonian Type—very expressionless and lethargic. Takes no interest in anything. Constant headaches. (6) A Girl. 1924. Idle, restless. Delivered of a child when 15 years and 4 months. (7) A Boy. 1925. Subacute onset—Mother died of Encephalitis Lethargica 1924. Parkinsonian type. Wakeful at night—lethargic in daytime, occasionally violent—unable to do any work in School and to concentrate on anything for even a short time.

9. **Open Air Education.**—There are no open air Schools residential or otherwise in the Borough, but classes are sometimes conducted in the playgrounds during the summer months, more especially in the Infant Schools.

10. **Physical Training.**—Physical training is undertaken by the School teachers in all the schools, adapted to the age and sex of the children, and in accordance with the Board's Syllabus. The usual method is for each class to spend 12 to 15 minutes on physical exercises daily. There is no area Supervisor.

(11) **Provision of Meals.**—No arrangements are in force for the provision of meals for school children.

12. **School Baths.**—There are no school baths, but full advantage is taken of the Corporation Swimming Baths. Tickets for these are purchased at threepence each by the Education Committee and re-sold to the scholars at 1½d. each. In 1925 children from the various Schools purchased 8,643 tickets.

13. **Co-operation of Parents.**—Parents are notified beforehand of the date on which their children are to attend for routine

examination and are requested to be present. These attendances, as far as Infants are concerned, are very good, but in the case of the later examinations rather poor, and when the same S.M.O. has examined for some years the number who accompany their children tends to fall very low. If the parent is present at the examination and any physical defects found, these are pointed out and the form of treatment suggested. If not present they are visited by the School nurse, who gives the necessary advice, and if proposed treatment is refused records the reason on a special card.

14. **Co-operation of Teachers.**—Considerable help has been given by the School Teachers in early notification of non-notifiable infectious diseases, in drawing attention to backward children, and also in sending to the Clinic cases of skin diseases, and their personal knowledge of the home conditions of some of the children have been most helpful. In the direction too, of sending children who have once been to the dental clinic for re-inspection they have greatly assisted the Dental Surgeon.

15. **Co-operation of School Attendance Officer.**—The School Attendance Officer's chief work is, as far as the School Medical Service is concerned, in notifying the names of all entrants and leavers at the schools, in tracing children whose attendance at school or at the Clinic is unsatisfactory, and in seeing that children who are under private practitioners are supplied with an adequate certificate for absence. As a general rule poor attendance at school falls into one of two classes, (a) the child, frequently an only child, who in the opinion of the mother "suffers from nerves," (b) the eldest daughter nearing the end of a school career, especially if one of a large family and more especially if a new arrival in the family is expected.

16. **Co-operation of Voluntary Bodies.**—The National Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children maintains an inspector in the town and his aid has been called upon on a few occasions. Boy Scout and Girl Guide organizations are fairly well supported and a certain number of children obtain a camp holiday.

17. **Blind, Deaf, Defective and Epileptic Children.**—(a) In the main physically and mentally defective children are brought to the notice of the S.M.O. at or soon after admission to school. Now that the Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic has been

working for some years, a few defective children are recognized at an early date—for example a deaf and dumb child, who started at school this year but recognized as such 3 years ago—a case of Little's disease, also due for school in 1925.—Notifications of acute anterior poliomyelitis notified to the M.O.H. and a few cases seen in consultation with medical practitioners add a few to the number, but as stated above, it is usually not till the child is of school age that defects are noted. Parents are notoriously sensitive about abnormal children, and the hope that they will grow out of their disability appears to dwell eternal in the maternal breast.

(b) Mentally defective children not in special schools, notified with the consent of the Board to the Local Authority numbered 6, one of whom is an idiot and one (also an epileptic) who died in September, 1925. Four children not so notified at present are in good homes and well looked after though unable to attend school. One of these children also suffers from congenital heart disease, and one boy also suffers in addition from a variety of congenital defects. These children are all visited regularly by the Health Visitor. Three deaf and dumb children attend Elementary Schools and it is hoped that institutional treatment may be provided for them in the future. A certain number of defective children who attend Elementary Schools have been reported to the Warwickshire Voluntary Association for Mental Welfare, and the cases are looked into by this body. With the small staff available it is impossible to trace satisfactorily the after careers of these children. One deaf and dumb child educated at Edgbaston is known to be in good and remunerative employment at some iron works. The mentally defective children at the elementary schools have been kept under observation and examined at least twice during the year.

18. **Nursery Schools.**—There are no nursery schools in the Borough, but the National Institute for the Blind, during 1924, have opened a "Sunshine Home" for Blind Children in the Town, with accommodation for 30 babies. Children are taken in up to 5 years of age. There is a Certificated Teacher, and the Home receives a grant from the Board of Education.

19. **Secondary Schools.**—The Secondary Schools are in connection with the Warwickshire County Council, and medically examined by the County School Staff.

20. **Continuation Schools.**—Evening classes are run in conjunction with the Warwickshire County Council.

21. **Employment of Children and Young Persons.**—Under the Employment of Children Act, 1903, and Education Act, 1918, and Bye-laws made thereunder, 110 certificates of fitness have been given, viz., 97 to boys and 13 to girls. A very large proportion of these have been for the purpose of newspaper deliveries. There is a Juvenile Employment Committee in conjunction with the County, and as far as possible employment is found for those leaving school. In no cases has it been found necessary to withhold a medical certificate of fitness to work.



TABLE II.
(TABLE I., BOARD OF EDUCATION).

RETURN OF MEDICAL INSPECTIONS

A. Routine Medical Inspections.

Number of Code Group Inspections :

Entrants	455
Intermediates	281
Leavers	359
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Total				...	1095
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Number of other Routine Inspections 1

B. OTHER INSPECTIONS.

Number of Special Inspections	...	449
Number of Re-Inspections	...	1488
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Total	...	1937
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TABLE III.

(A. TABLE II., BOARD OF EDUCATION).

Return of Defects found in the course of Medical Inspection in 1925

Defect or Disease.				Routine Inspections.		Special Inspections.	
				Number of Defects.		Number of Defects.	
				Requiring treatment.	Requiring to be kept under observation, but not requiring treatment.	Requiring treatment.	Requiring to be kept under observation, but not requiring treatment.
1				2	3	4	5
Skin.	Malnutrition ...	...	...	—	8	—	5
	Uncleanliness ...	...	...	30	149	4	17
	(Ringworm—						
	Head ...	...	...	—	—	9	—
	Body ...	...	...	—	—	21	—
	Scabies ...	...	...	—	—	2	—
Eye.	Impetigo ...	...	...	8	—	152	—
	Other Diseases(non-Tubercular)			1	4	18	—
	Blepharitis ...	...	...	2	—	3	—
	Conjunctivitis ...	...	...	—	—	10	—
	Keratitis ...	...	...	—	—	1	—
	Corneal Opacities ...	...	...	2	—	—	3
Ear.	Defective vision						
	(excluding squint)			29	54	8	2
	Squint ...	...	...	—	14	—	8
	Other conditions			—	—	—	3
	Defective Hearing ...	...	...	—	2	—	3
	Otitis Media ...	...	...	—	—	3	—
Nose and Throat.	Other Ear Diseases			—	2	13	—
	Enlarged Tonsils only			26	156	4	—
	Adenoids only			—	6	—	3
	Enlarged Tonsils & Adenoids			52	28	10	11
	Enlarged Cervical Glands						
	(non-Tubercular)			7	261	6	—
	Other conditions ...	...	...	—	2	27	—
	Defective Speech ...	...	...	—	3	—	6
	Teeth—Dental Diseases ...			435	147	238	—

TABLE III.

(TABLE II., BOARD OF EDUCATION, continued)

Return of Defects found in the course of Medical Inspection, 1925.

Defect or Disease.					Routine Inspections.		Special Inspections.	
					Number of Defects.		Number of Defects,	
					Requiring treatment.	Requiring to be kept under observation, but not requiring treatment.	Requiring treatment.	Requiring to be kept under observation, but not requiring treatment.
1					2	3	4	5
Heart and Circulation.	Heart Disease—							
	Organic	...	...	...	—	4	10	5
	Functional	...	...	...	—	4	—	1
Lungs.	Anæmia	...	...	...	3	54	3	—
	Bronchitis	...	...	...	—	8	3	5
	Other Non-Tubercular Diseases				—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis.	Pulmonary—							
	Definite	...	...	...	—	1	2	4
	Suspected	...	...	..	—	1	—	3
	Non-Pulmonary—							
	Glands	...	...	...	—	2	—	5
	Spine	...	...	...	—	—	—	2
	Hip	...	...	...	—	—	—	1
	Other Bones and Joints				—	—	—	4
	Skin...	...	...	...	—	—	—	—
Nervous System.	Other Forms				—	1	—	4
	Epilepsy	...	...	...	—	2	1	3
	Chorea	...	...	...	—	—	2	—
	Other Conditions				—	—	—	11
Deformities.	Rickets	...	...	...	—	14	1	—
	Spinal Curvature				—	—	—	—
	Other Forms				—	3	—	8
Other Defects and Diseases ...					6	16	375	394
					601	946	926	511

TABLE II., BOARD OF EDUCATION (continued).

B. Number of individual children found on Routine Medical Inspection to require treatment (excluding Uncleanliness and Dental Diseases).

GROUP.	Number of Children.		Percentage of Children found to require treatment.
	Inspected.	Found to require treatment.	
1	2	3	4
Code Groups —			
Entrants	455	51	11·2
Intermediates	281	23	8·2
Leavers	359	31	8·6
Total (code groups)	1095	105	9·6
Other Routine Inspections ...	1	—	—

TABLE IV.
(Table III., BOARD OF EDUCATION).
Return of all Exceptional Children in the Area.

			BOYS.	GIRLS.	TOTAL
BLIND. (Including partially blind).	(1) Suitable for training in a School or Class for the totally Blind.	Attending Certified Schools or Classes for the Blind	—	—	—
		Attending Public Elementary Schools... ..	—	—	—
		At other Institutions	—	—	—
		At no School or Institution ...	—	—	—
	(2) Suitable for training in a School or Class for the partially Blind.	Attending Certified Schools or Classes for the Blind	—	—	—
		Attending Public Elementary Schools... ..	1	2	3
		At other Institutions	—	—	—
		At no School or Institution ...	—	—	—
DEAF. (Including deaf and dumb and partially deaf).	(1) Suitable for training in a School or Class for the totally deaf or deaf and dumb.	Attending Certified Schools or Classes for the Deaf	1	2	3
		Attending Public Elementary Schools... ..	3	1	4
		At other Institutions	—	—	—
		At no School or Institution ...	—	—	—
	(2) Suitable for training in a School or Class for the partially deaf.	Attending Certified Schools or Classes for the Deaf	—	—	—
		Attending Public Elementary Schools... ..	—	—	—
		At other Institutions	—	—	—
		At no School or Institution ...	—	—	—
MENTALLY DEFECTIVE.	Feeble-minded (cases not notifiable to the Local Control Authority).	Attending Certified Schools for Mentally Defective Children...	—	1	1
		Attending Public Elementary Schools... ..	10	8	18
		At other Institutions	—	—	—
		At no School or Institution ...	1	3	4
	Notified to the Local Control Authority.	Feeble-minded	2	3	5
		Imbeciles	—	—	—
		Idiots	1	—	1

TABLE III., BOARD OF EDUCATION (continued).

			Boys.	Girls.	Total.
EPILEPTICS.	Suffering from Severe Epilepsy.	Attending Certified Special Schools for Epileptics ...	—	—	—
		In Institutions other than Certified Special Schools ...	—	—	—
		Attending Public Elementary Schools ...	1	—	1
		At no School or Institution ...	1	—	1
PHYSICALLY DEFECTIVE.	Infectious Pulmonary and Glandular Tuberculosis.	Attending Public Elementary Schools ...	1	3	4
		At no School or Institution ...	—	—	—
	Non-infectious but active Pulmonary and Glandular Tuberculosis	At Sanatoria or Sanatorium Schools approved by the Ministry of Health or the Board...	—	—	—
		At other Institutions ...	—	1	1
		At no School or Institution ...	—	1	1
		At Sanatoria or Sanatorium Schools approved by the Ministry of Health or the Board...	—	—	—
		At Certified Residential Open-Air Schools ...	—	—	—
		At Certified Day Open-Air Schools	—	—	—
		At Public Elementary Schools ...	4	4	8
	Delicate children (e.g., re- or latent Tuberculosis, Malnutrition, Debility, Anæmia, etc).	At other Institutions ...	—	—	—
		At no School or Institution ...	—	—	—
		At Certified Residential Open-Air Schools ...	—	—	—
		At Certified Day Open-Air Schools	—	—	—
PHYSICALLY DEFECTIVE.	Active Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	At Public Elementary Schools ...	16	22	38
		At other Institutions ...	—	—	—
		At no School or Institution ...	—	—	—
	At Sanatoria or Hospital Schools approved by the Ministry of Health or the Board ...	At Public Elementary Schools ...	1	—	1
		At other Institutions ...	7	5	12
		At no School or Institution ...	—	1	1
	Crippled Children (other than those with active Tuberculosis disease) e.g., children suffering from Paralysis, &c., and including those with severe heart disease.	At Sanatoria or Hospital Schools ...	—	—	—
		At Certified Residential Cripple Schools ...	—	—	—
		At Certified Day Cripple Schools	—	—	—
		At Public Elementary Schools ...	9	10	19
		At other Institutions ...	—	—	—
		At no School or Institution ...	1	3	4

TABLE V.

(TABLE IV., BOARD OF EDUCATION).

Return of Defects treated during the Year ended December 31st.

GROUP 1. Minor Ailments (excluding Uncleanliness).

Disease or Defect. 1	Number of Defects treated, or under treatment during the year.		
	Under the Authority's Scheme. 2	Otherwise. 3	TOTAL. 4
Skin—			
Ringworm, Scalp	6	3	9
Ringworm, Body	21	—	21
Scabies	2	—	2
Impetigo	160	—	160
Other Skin Diseases ..	19	—	19
Minor Eye Defects—			
(External and other, but ex- cluding cases falling in Group II.)	15	3	18
Minor Ear Defects—	17	1	18
Miscellaneous—			
(e.g., minor injuries, bruises, sores, chilblains, etc.) ...	375	20	395
Total	615	27	642

TABLE V. (continued).

GROUP II. Defective Vision and Squint (excluding Minor Eye Defects treated as Minor Ailments—Group I.).

Defect or Disease.	Number of Defects dealt with.			
	Under the Authority's Scheme.	Submitted to refraction by private practitioner or at Hospital, apart from the Authority's Scheme.	Otherwise.	TOTAL.
1	2	3	4	5
Errors of Refraction (including Squint). (Operations for Squint should be recorded separately in the body of the Report) ...	25	1	—	26
Other Defect or Disease of the Eyes (excluding those recorded in Group I.) ...	—	—	1	1
TOTAL ...	25	1	1	27

Total number of children for whom spectacles were prescribed :

- (a) Under the Authority's Scheme ... 23
 (b) Otherwise 1

Total number of children who obtained or received spectacles :

- (a) Under the Authority's Scheme ... 23
 (b) Otherwise 1

GROUP III. Treatment of Defects of Nose and Throat.

Number of Defects.				Total number treated.
Received Operative Treatment.			Received other forms of treatment.	
Under the Authority's Scheme, in Clinic or Hospital.	By Private Practitioner or Hospital, apart from the Authority's Scheme.	TOTAL.		
1	2	3	4	5
45	1	46	4	50

TABLE V. (continued).

GROUP IV.

(1) Number of children who were:—

(a) Inspected by the Dentist.

Aged	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Total
	87	126	104	136	125	101	94	113	76	62	2	1026
								Specials	...	...		226
								Grand Total		...		1252

(b) Found to require treatment ... 875

(c) Actually treated ... 357

(d) Treated during the year as the result of periodical examination 129

(2) Half days devoted to { Inspection ... 8
Treatment ... 73 Total... 81

(3) Attendances made by children for treatment ... 1017

(4) Fillings { Permanent Teeth ... 289
Temporary Teeth ... 2 Total... 291(5) Extractions { Permanent Teeth ... 141
Temporary Teeth ... 960 Total... 1101

(6) Administrations of General Anæsthetics for Extractions ... Nil.

(7) Other Operations { Permanent Teeth 399
Temporary Teeth Nil. Total... 399

Group V. Uncleanliness and Verminous Conditions.

(1) Average number of visits per School made during the year by the School Nurses ... 32

(2) Total number of examinations of children in the Schools by School Nurses ... 6634

(3) Number of individual children found unclean ... 224

(4) Number of children cleansed under arrangements made by the Local Education Authority ... 1

(5) Number of cases in which Legal proceedings were taken:

(a) Under the Education Act, 1921 ... Nil

(b) Under School Attendance Bye-Laws ... Nil

THE WORK OF THE SCHOOL NURSE.

The following is a statistical return of the work of the School Nurse:—

Visits to Schools	...	...	...	...	...	289
Visits to Home	...	...	...	...	...	1512
Number of Children examined for Verminous Conditions	...	...	...	...	...	6634

TABLE VI.

RESULTS OF SCHOOL NURSE'S SURPRISE VISITS TO SCHOOLS
RE VERMINOUS CONDITIONS.

SCHOOL.	DEPART- MENT,	HEAD.		BODY.		TOTAL EXAMINED
		Vermin	Nits	Vermin	Bites	
CLAPHAM TERRACE	Mixed	18	25	—	—	530
	Infants	—	17	—	—	285
LEICESTER STREET	Boys	—	—	—	—	240
	Girls	4	6	—	—	230
	Infants	13	3	3	2	427
MILVERTON ...	Mixed	2	45	—	1	498
	Infants	—	5	2	2	385
SHRUBLAND STREET	Boys	—	19	—	—	126
	Girls	16	12	1	—	372
	Infants	—	21	1	—	312
LILLINGTON (C.E.)	Mixed	—	—	—	—	136
	Infants	—	—	—	—	70
BATH PLACE (C.E.)	Mixed	11	43	—	—	878
	Infants	—	21	—	—	435
ST. PAUL'S (C.E.)	Mixed	16	14	—	—	510
	Infants	20	11	—	—	323
ST. PETER'S (R.C.)	Boys	—	—	—	—	170
	Girls	13	15	—	—	166
	Infants	12	31	—	2	385
TOTALS ...		125	288	7	7	6478

TABLE VII.
CASES OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASE EXCLUDED FROM SCHOOL,
JANUARY TO DECEMBER, 1925.

	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.*	September.	October.	November.	December.	TOTALS.
Tuberculosis ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	3
Scarlet Fever ...	2	..	1	4	1	...	1	...	8	3	3	1	24
Diphtheria ...	...	1	1	3	5	2	3	...	3	1	3	...	22
Whooping- Cough	7	1	...	...	...	7	2	...	1	8	8	2	36
Measles ...	1	...	...	14	35	11	4	...	4	57	2	24	152
Chickenpox ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	8	7	7	24
Ringworm ...	4	1	4	1	2	6	2	..	1	6	1	2	30
Impetigo ...	15	11	11	9	18	4	11	...	22	20	26	5	152
Scabies ...	...	1	...	...	1	..	...	...	..	...	..	...	2
Mumps ...	110	134	95	33	12	6	21	...	3	9	4	2	429
Encephalitis Lethargica	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	..	2
TOTALS ...	143	149	112	64	74	37	45	...	42	113	54	43	876

* Schools not open this month.

PROVIDED SCHOOLS.

TABLE VIII.

Name.	Date.	Rooms.	Cloakrooms.	Lavatories.	Desks and Blackboards.	Ventilation.	Lighting.	Warming.	Playground.
LEICESTER STREET GIRLS.	1894	3 Classrooms. 1 Laboratory, 1 Kitchen, 1 Main Hall shared with Boys, and 1 Art Room ditto. Office and Staff-room.	3 Cloakrooms with 2 basins	10 W.C.'s and 6 basins.	Dual Desks. Blackboards, wall and moveable.	Windows, Roof and Wall Ventilators	Gas.	Hot water pipes.	800 sq. yds. asphalted. Space under arches for Bicycles.
MILVERTON SCHOOL.	Infants. 1887	Staff-room and 2 Class- rooms.	One with 4 basins and sink.	In Playground, 5 W.C.'s	Tables and small Chairs. Moveable and fixed Blackboards. Dual Desks with lifting tops and seats with backs. Moveable and fixed Blackboards.	Windows, and Tobin's Tube Ventilators ditto.	Gas.	Hot water pipes. ditto.	Infants and Girls: 1115 sq. yds. Covered shed well paved and drained. Boys: 1500 sq. yds., well drained and paved. Covered shed.
Ditto.	Mixed. 1892	Staff-room and 7 Class- rooms.	Two Staff Lavatories with W.C.'s, Boys' Cloak- room with 6 basins & sink, Girls' Cloak- room with 4 basins & sink.	In Playgr'nd Boys, 4 W.C.'s Girls, 6 W.C.'s	Dual. Dual and small Chairs.	Windows, Roof & Wall Ventilators ditto.	Gas.	Hot water pipes. ditto.	Good large covered Shed. 1000 sq. yds. asphalted Playgr'nd. Use of Girls.
SHRUBLAND STREET.	Boys. 1891	1 Assembly, 3 Class-rooms 1 Teachers'.	1 Cloakroom and 7 basins. Staff Lavatory and W.C.	In Playgr'nd 6 W.C.'s and Urinals.	Dual.	Windows, Roof & Wall Ventilators ditto.	Gas.	Hot water pipes. ditto.	830 sq. yds. asphalted. Good large Shed.
Ditto.	Infants. 1884	1 Assembly, 3 Class-rooms 1 Teachers'.	1 Cloakroom, 4 basins and sink.	In Playgr'nd, 9 for Girls. 3 for Boys and Urinals.	Dual. Wall and moveable Blackboards.	ditto.	ditto.	ditto.	
Ditto.	Girls. 1884	1 Assembly, 4 Class-rooms 1 Teachers', L'tory & W.C.	1 Cloakroom, 5 basins and sink,						

PROVIDED SCHOOLS.

Name.	Date.	Rooms.	Cloakrooms.	Lavatories.	Desks and Blackboards.	Ventilation.	Lighting.	Warming.	Playground.
CLAPHAM TERRACE (Mixed).	1889	Central Hall and 10 Class-rooms. 1 Common room for Teachers.	Boys : 1 with 6 basins. Girls : 1 Cloakroom. Separate Lavatory with 6 basins. 2 upstairs rooms used as storerooms	Boys : 6 W.C.'s and Urinals. Girls : 4 W.C.'s 2 Staff Lavatories.	Blackboards, wall and moveable. Dual Desks.	Windows, Wall and Roof Ventilators	Gas.	Hot water pipes	Boys : 1400 sq. yds. asphalt- ed, and covered shed. Girls and Infants : 1300 sq. yds. and covered shed, asphalted.
CLAPHAM TERRACE INFANTS.	1889	Central Hall and 4 Class-rooms.	1 Cloakroom with 8 basins.	Boys : 4 W.C.'s and Urinal. Girls : 4 W.C.'s	Blackboards moveable. Dual Desks and Kinder- garten Tables and Chairs,	Windows, Wall and Roof Ventilators	Gas.	Hot water pipes.	Use of Girls.
LEICESTER STREET BOYS.	1894	8 Classrooms, 1 Laboratory, 2 Workshops, 1 Main Hall shared with Girls' School, 1 Art Room ditto. 1 Office, 1 Staff-room.	2 Cloakrooms with 6 basins and 1 sink.	7 W.C.'s and Urinals.	Dual Desks. Blackboards, wall and moveable.	Windows, Wall and Roof Ventilators	Gas.	Hot water pipes.	600 sq. yds. asphalted. Covered space under arches for bicycles, etc.
LEICESTER STREET INFANTS. St. Paul's Church Rooms, rented.	—	1 Central Hall, 3 Classrooms.	1 Cloakroom with 1 basin.	2 W.C.'s and Urinals.	Small Dual Desks and Kindergarten Tables and Chairs. Moveable Blackboards.	Windows, Tobin's Tube and Roof Ventilators	Electric Light.	Hot water pipes and open fires.	Use of Leicester Street Girls.

NON-PROVIDED SCHOOLS.

Name.	Date.	Rooms.	Cloakrooms.	Lavatories.	Desks and Blackboards.	Ventilation.	Lighting.	Warming.	Playground.
NATIONAL SCHOOL. (C. of E.)	1859	10 Class-rooms.	4 Cloakrooms	Boys : 4 W.C.'s and Urinals, 3 basins. Girls : 5 W.C.'s. Infants : 3 W.C.'s and Urinals, 3 basins.	Long Desks. Kindergarten Desks and Chairs. Blackboards, wall and moveable.	Windows, Roof and Wall Ventilators	Gas.	Coke Stove.	Boys : 450 sq. yds. & shed. Girls and Infants : 450 sq. yds. & shed.
LILLINGTON (C. of E.)	1897	3 Rooms. 1 Hall can be divided into 2 Class-rooms	2 Cloakrooms. Boys with 2 basins and sink, Girls with 3 basins.	In Playgr'nd : Girls 6 W.C.'s Infants 1 W.C. and Urinals, Boys 3 W.C.'s and Urinal.	Long Desks and a few Dual Desks. Blackboards, wall and moveable.	Windows and Roof Ventilators	Electric Light.	Open fire- places and hot water pipes.	515 sq. yds. asphalted. Boys : 800 sq. yds.
ST. PAUL'S (C. of E.)	1912 On two floors.	Mixed Dept., 6 Class-rooms Infants, 2 Class-rooms	1 Girls and Infants Cloakroom with 4 basins. 1 Boys Cloakroom with 2 basins.	In Playgr'nd : Girls, 4 W.C.'s Infants, 3 W.C.'s and Urinals. Boys, 3 W.C.'s and Urinals.	Mixed Dept., Dual With backs. Infants, Tables and round Chairs. Blackboards wall and moveable.	Windows, Ventilators behind radiators.	Electric Light.	Radia- tors and hot water pipes, addition- al fire- place for Infants.	Girls and Infants : 240 sq. yds., paved sets and asphalt, drained. Boys : 280 sq. yds. Covered Shed.

NON-PROVIDED SCHOOLS.

Name.	Date.	Rooms.	Cloakrooms.	Lavatories.	Desks and Blackboards.	Ventilation.	Lighting.	Warming.	Playground.
ST. PETER'S Boys. (R.C.)	1912	3 Class-rooms 1 Staff-room.	1 Cloakroom, 3 basins.	3 W.C.'s and Urinals.	Dual Desks, Moveable Blackboards.	Windows and Roof Ventilators	Gas.	Hot water pipes and radiators	480 sq. yds. Good Shed.
ST. PETER'S GIRLS and INFANTS.	1879	Girls, 3 Class-rooms Infants, 2 Class-rooms	Girls, 2 Cloakrooms with 3 basins and sink. Infants, 1 Cloakroom with 3 basins and sink.	In Playgr'nd: Girls, 5 W.C.'s. Infants, 2 W.C.'s.	Girls, Dual with backs. Infants, Tables and small Chairs. Moveable and Fixed Blackboards.	Windows and Roof Ventilators	Gas.	Radia- tors and open fires	124 sq. yds. with covered Shed and asphalt paved.

None of the Schools are provided with Drying Rooms. Town Water is supplied to all the Schools. A few children take their meals to the School, and these are warmed for them in kitchens at Leicester Street Girls' School and St. Peter's Roman Catholic Schools, and in other cases in the Teachers' Rooms, but the total number of children so doing is not large.

